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SUBJECT: CANADIAN REQUEST FOR US TO TAKE BACK

GENERAL QUANG

1. CANADIAN AMBASSADOR WARREN CALLED ON UNDERSECRETARY SISCO LATE AUGUST 13 TO REQUEST THAT USG ACCEPT RETURN OF GENERAL QUANG FROM CANADA. AFTER RECOUNTING RECENT HISTORY OF QUANG CASE, WARREN SAID HE WAS INSTRUCTED TO REQUEST FORMALLY AT POLITICAL LEVEL THAT USG USE WHATEVER AUTHORITY EXISTED TO RECEIVE GENERAL QUANG. WARREN EXPLAINED QUANG'S CONTINUED PRESENCE IS CREATING SERIOUS PROBLEMS FOR CANADIAN GOVERNMENT AND EVEN THREATENS TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE  
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UNDERMINE PUBLIC ACCEPTANCE OF LARGER PROGRAM OF ADMISSION OF INDOCHINA REFUGEES.

2. UNDERSECRETARY SISCO EXPRESSED SYMPATHY WITH CANADIAN

PROBLEM BUT EXPLAINED USG UNABLE TO ACCEPT RETURN OF QUANG. PAROLE AUTHORITY OF ATTORNEY GENERAL UNDER WHICH QUANG WOULD HAVE TO BE ADMITTED WOULD NOT APPLY AS AUTHORITY IS ONLY EXERCISED IN BEHALF OF REFUGEES IN DANGER AND SEEKING SAFE-HAVEN. SISCO NOTED THAT QUANG DOES NOT FIT THIS SITUATION. WERE PAROLE AUTHORITY TO BE EXPANDED TO COVER CASES LIKE QUANG'S, US WOULD BE FACED WITH SIMILAR ENTREATIES FROM PERHAPS THOUSANDS OF REFUGEES IN OTHER COUNTRIES.

3. AMBASSADOR WARREN WAS ALSO INFORMED THAT US HAD MADE LOW KEY INFORMAL INQUIRY IN TAIWAN TO TEST WATER OF QUANG ACCEPTABILITY THERE. HE WAS TOLD RECEPTION WHILE NOT FIRMLY NEGATIVE WAS DECIDEDLY UNENTHUSIASTIC AND FORMAL DIPLOMATIC DEMARCHE WOULD BE REQUIRED FOR ANY CHANGE OF ACCEPTANCE.

4. IN VIEW OF NEGATIVE US RESPONSE TO CANADIAN REQUEST WHICH IS DEFINITIVE, FOLLOWING PRESS GUIDANCE HAS BEEN AGREED TO FOR USE ON IF-ASKED BASIS:

QUOTE

Q: HAS THE USG RESPONDED TO THE CANADIAN REQUEST TO TAKE BACK GENERAL QUANG?

A: YES. WE HAVE EXPLAINED TO THE CANADIANS THAT WE ARE UNABLE TO ACCEPT HIM. HE IS NOT RETURNABLE AS A DEPORTEE, FOR HIS CASE DOES NOT FALL WITHIN THE TERMS OF THE RECIPROCAL ARRANGEMENT BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES GOVERNING DEPORTATION WHICH DEFINES THE CLASSES OF DEPORTEES EACH COUNTRY WILL ACCEPT FROM THE OTHER. NOR CAN HE BE ADMITTED UNDER THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S PAROLE AUTHORITY, FOR PAROLE IS ONLY EXERCISED IN THE CASE OF REFUGEES WHERE THEY ARE IN DANGER AND ARE SEEKING A SAFE HAVEN. GENERAL QUANG CLEARLY IS NOT IN THIS SITUATION.  
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Q: WHAT ABOUT GENERAL QUANG'S OWN EFFORTS TO RETURN TO THE US?

A: GENERAL QUANG IS NOT ADMISSIBLE AS A REFUGEE AS HE ELECTED TO SETTLE IN CANADA. WE HAVE TOLD HIM THIS BUT ALSO ADVISED HIM HE IS ENTITLED TO APPLY FOR AN IMMIGRANT VISA. GENERAL QUANG HAS ALREADY FILED A PRELIMINARY APPLICATION FOR AN IMMIGRANT VISA. THE PROCEDURE OF QUALIFYING AND ESTABLISHING ELIGIBILITY FOR A VISA IS LONG AND DIFFICULT. THE PROCESS IS LIKELY TO TAKE A NUMBER OF MONTHS.

Q: IN LIGHT OF THE ALLEGATIONS AGAINST GENERAL QUANG  
WHAT ACTION WILL THE UNITED STATES TAKE?

A. OF COURSE, THERE WILL BE THE USUAL, THOROUGH INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE GENERAL QUANG'S ELIGIBILITY. SISCO

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